

Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH)

Instructions for Traditional Asthma Hospital Visit Reporting

Frequency of Reporting: Monthly

STEP 1: Generate a data file from the existing hospital system containing all patients with a **primary discharge diagnosis** of ICD-9 Codes **493.xx** or **506.xx** only for the designated time period. Up to 9 secondary diagnosis codes may be included in each patient record.

The generated data should be submitted in one of the following formats:

- Comma Separated Value (*.csv) – comma delimited
- Text (*.txt) – fixed length or delimited
- Microsoft Excel (*.xls)

STEP 2: Please use the **Data Set Specifications** and **MSDH Data Codes** available for download at www.healthmys.com/asthma to format your hospital's data.

STEP 3: Save the generated file to a diskette or CD.

STEP 4: Submit the diskette or CD to the address listed below.

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